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<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> definition of "war veterans" which means such ex-service persons as were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, and who served in any branch of the armed forces of the U.S. during the period of any war in which the U.S. participated, including the Korean Conflict, or who performed such services after Jan. 31, 1955, including the Vietnam era.

<u>New law</u> provides that La. state war veterans homes may be used by veterans and any service-connected disabled veterans who served on active duty between the following dates:

- (1) Nov. 12, 1918, through Dec. 6, 1941.
- (2) Jan. 1, 1947, through June 26, 1950.
- (3) Feb. 1, 1955, through Aug. 4, 1964.
- (4) May 8, 1975, through Aug. 1, 1990.

<u>New law</u> also provides that certain nonveterans, such as parents of veterans who were killed in action while in service to our country, and spouses of veterans, may be eligible for admission into Louisiana's state war veterans homes if they are eligible to reside in war veterans homes under Title 38 of the U.S.C.

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(Amends R.S. 29:381)